

REMARKS

Claims 5, 7-15, and 31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 6 is canceled; and claims 5 and 12 are amended. The Amendment is supported by the specification at least at paragraphs [0172], [0174], [0280], and Fig. 4. No new matter is added.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 5-12, 14, 15, and 31 over Shigeta (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0050679) in view of Brooks (U.S. Patent No. 6,008,809); and claim 13 over Shigeta in view of Brooks and further in view of Mondal (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0110244). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, independent claim 5 recites, a projector connected to at least one terminal via a network, which has a terminal display, and a screen capture processor capturing a whole or a part of the screen of the terminal display, the projector comprising a data storage storing a display status management file for managing a display status of the terminal display including a capture area management flag, the capture area management flag indicating whether a screen capture mode is a full-screen capture mode or a partial-screen capture mode of the screen of the terminal display, a communication unit sending the display status management file to at least one terminal and receiving a captured image data, which has been captured by the full-screen capture or by the partial-screen capture in accordance with the capture area management flag, from the at least one terminal, a display control unit synthesizing the captured image data into single screen multi-window format data to be displayed on a display, and the display displaying a synthesized image data synthesized by the display control unit.

Applicants respectfully submit that Shigeta, Brooks, and Mondal, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or render obvious at least the above features recited in

independent claim 5. In particular, Shigeta discloses a display control system including multiple image signal sources and multiple display areas on a screen of an image display device (see Fig. 1 of Shigeta). In Shigeta, a user can change the size and position of the display areas with a mouse, digitizer, or by updating display attributes information for the display areas (see paragraph [0089] of Shigeta). However, the user, in Shigeta, cannot specify an area of the display area by a screen capture to display only the selected area of the display area on a projected screen. In comparison, the instant disclosure teaches capturing an area of the screen display of the terminal for projection (see Fig. 7 of the specification). For example, in the instant disclosure, a user can select an area of the screen display of the terminal to project only the selected area of the screen display for the user's presentation. Therefore, in the configuration recited in claim 5, the user can see all necessary materials on the screen display of the terminal while only selected part of the materials being projected from the projector for the audience. In view of the above, Shigeta does not disclose the above features recited in claim 5. Neither Brooks nor Mondal cure this deficiency of Shigeta. Shigeta, Brooks, and Mondal, either individually or in combination, do not disclose or render obvious the features of independent claim 5.

Accordingly, claim 5 is allowable. Claims 7-15 and 31 depend from claim 5, and are therefore also allowable by virtue of their dependence from claim 5, as well as for additional features they recite. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 7-15, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 5, 7-15, and 31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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